



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** March 19, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Referral:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Cooperative Agreement with MNDOT for the Reconstruction of the Park Avenue and Portland Avenue Bridges over I-94**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City officials to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) in the amount not to exceed \$299,133 (04100-90109307 CPV074) for the City's share of the cost for pedestrian street level lighting, traffic signal equipment, signal timing work, construction engineering, and decorative railings for the rehabilitation of the Park Avenue and the Portland Avenue bridges over I-94. No additional appropriation is required.

**Previous Directives:**

- None

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**Reviews:**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

**Financial Impact:**

Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact:**

Neighborhood Notification: Media releases will be sent out prior to the projects

City Goals: Supports City Transportation Goals

Comprehensive Plan: Supports Comprehensive Plan Goals  
Zoning Code: NA

## **Background/Supporting Information**

### Project Background

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) intends to re-deck the Park Avenue and Portland Avenue bridges over Interstate 94 during the 2013 construction season in addition to reconstructing the bridge approaches. The bridges will not be widened, rather the new design will narrow the travel lanes and allow for wider 10-foot sidewalks, pedestrian level street lighting, bump-outs on each end of the bridges, and ADA compliant curb ramps. The design will accommodate the current roadway striping arrangement (with the buffered bike lanes) that was installed in 2012, and will include an enhanced railing design at the City's request.

### City Participation

The city is required to pay for lighting expenses and the extra cost for enhanced railings in addition to the associated engineering costs as part of MNDOT's cost participation policy. These estimated costs total \$299,133.

### Construction Impacts

Construction on both bridges is planned to occur simultaneously; there will be impacts to the travelling public. Public Works has worked very closely with MNDOT to create a traffic management plan for the project. This plan includes a map of probable alternate routes as well as road closures and detours in addition to a media strategy to inform the public.

Construction is expected to start on both bridges in June 2013 with the projects being completed in August 2013.

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